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National Insurance.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF DENTAL BENEFIT.

A CIRCULAR issued on behalf of the Ministry of Health and the Scottish Board of Health sets out the new arrangements for the administration of Dental Benefit, which came into operation on the first day of the present month. As a result of the second valuation of approved societies the sum of money annually available for dental benefit has reached the very considerable figure of over £2,000,000. The great majority of approved societies and of practising dentists are now concerned in the matter, and in the interests of dentists and of insured persons alike it was felt necessary that there should be a general and uniform agreement between the dental profession and the approved societies, with a view to securing a thoroughly satisfactory service. The present agreement is the result of the work of a joint committee under the auspices of the Ministry of Health and the Scottish Board of Health, consisting of fourteen representatives of approved societies and fourteen members of the dental profession. It will be noted that the dentists are in the position of having to negotiate directly with the approved societies as to their terms of service and remuneration, since dental benefit is one of the additional benefits administered solely by approved societies. Were this benefit to be made, like medical benefit, a statutory, instead of an additional, benefit, the case would be altered, and national negotiations would then be conducted on behalf of the whole insured population by some public representative body, probably the Ministry of Health or the Scottish Board of Health, as the case might be. In these circumstances it is satisfactory that an agreement sufficiently acceptable to both sides has been arrived at. This agreement is not compulsory upon all approved societies and branches giving dental benefit, but it comes to them with such strong recommendation that it will no doubt be universally adopted. Medical practitioners will share the hope that it will result in a really efficient dental service for insured persons in all parts of the country. As the agreement is at present drawn it appears that the society will pay the whole cost of dental treatment, except that as regards provision of artificial teeth and repairs and remodelling of dentures it may decide to pay only a proportion of the cost, not being less than one-half. This will make the scheme of substantial advantage to insured persons entitled to the benefit, and should at the same time encourage conservative dentistry. The agreed scale of fees seems to be reasonable, based as it is upon the understanding that the dentist shall not be required to accept instalments or incur the risk of bad debts, and that he may decline to do any work until any proportion of the cost due from the patient has been paid. It is a matter of some interest to note that the scale fees, as distinguished from the probably higher private fees, will be applicable only if the patient has produced within a short period a proper voucher that he is an insured person entitled to treatment.

The agreement is admittedly experimental. As the Royal Commission on National Health Insurance discovered, the data for calculating the cost of a fairly complete dental service are very uncertain, and it may be found, as the result of an extended experience, that the demands on the insurance funds available for this purpose will not admit of the full cost of treatment being in every case borne by such fund. The scheme would then require modification. Further, there are two important points in which the arrangements are not yet complete. One of the conditions of their adoption is that a service of Regional Dental Officers shall be instituted. The duties of these officers are to be "somewhat similar in character to those of Regional Medical Officers," and it would be well for the dental profession to insist that the definition of these duties shall not allow of their becoming of an inspectorial or too inquisitorial a character. There remains also the formulation of procedure for disciplinary action. This will need very careful watching, especially as the approved societies are in this matter in a stronger position than they are in relation to medical benefit.

There is one clause of the dental agreement which is of more direct interest to medical practitioners, some of whom will no doubt read it with a certain degree of astonishment. Under the heading "general anaesthetics" provision is made for fees in respect of (1) "simple administration" of "nitrous oxide or similar anaesthetic," and (2) "prolonged anaesthesia"; and, curiously enough, the fee under the former heading is to be larger (10s.) when extractions are from both upper and lower jaws than when extractions are from one jaw only (7s. 6d.). Under the heading of "prolonged anaesthesia" the anaesthetist's fee is to be one guinea, "or such lower sum as the anaesthetist is ordinarily prepared to accept," and in this case the anaesthetist to be chosen by the operating dentist must be "either a medical practitioner, or a dentist skilled in the administration of a suitable anaesthetic and included in a list to be approved by the Dental Benefit Joint Committee." The comma in this quotation does not appear in the original, but is of importance, as presumably the stated qualification is intended to apply to dentists only. That dentists without a medical qualification are permitted by law to administer anaesthetics other than nitrous oxide for prolonged dental operations is not generally realized. The propriety of this is very doubtful, and the unwisdom of such a practice is probably recognized by most qualified dentists, who invariably call upon the services of a registered medical practitioner for this purpose. Nevertheless, the situation to which attention is thus drawn requires consideration, more especially as there stands on record a resolution of the Representative Body of the British Medical Association deprecating any such practice.

VACANCIES.

BELGRAVE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Clapham Road, S.W.9.—(1) House-Surgeon. (2) Assistant House-Physician. Males. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum each.

BLOOMSBURY DISPENSARY.—Surgeon. Honorarium 100 guineas per annum.

BOURNEMOUTH: ROYAL VICTORIA AND WEST HANTS HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £120 per annum.

BRIGHTON: ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—(1) Honorary Consulting Surgeon. (2) Honorary Surgeon. (3) Honorary Assistant Surgeon.

CAMBRIDGE: ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL.—House-Physician (male). Salary at the rate of £130 per annum.

CARDIFF CITY MENTAL HOSPITAL, Whitchurch.—Senior (First) Assistant Medical Officer (male, unmarried). Salary £550 per annum, rising to £600.

COVENTRY UNION.—Temporary Assistant Medical Officer at the Gulson Road Hospital (non-resident). Salary £200 for six months.

CROYDON GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Part-time Pathologist and Bacteriologist.

GRAVESEND HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

GROSVENOR HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Vincent Square, S.W.1.—Honorary Registrar.

HAMPSTEAD GENERAL AND NORTH-WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Haverstock Hill, N.W.—(1) Casualty Officer. (2) House-Physician. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum each.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton, S.W.3.—(1) Pathologist and Superintendent of the Laboratories; salary £750 per annum. (2) Assistant Resident Medical Officer; salary £150 per annum. (3) House-Physicians; honorarium 50 guineas for six months.

LEICESTER CITY.—Assistant Tuberculosis Officer. Salary £600 per annum.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY (Central Branch).—Assistant Medical Officer (lady). Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

MANCHESTER: ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.—Two House-Surgeons each to the Whitworth Street West Hospital (Maternity) and at the Whitworth Park Hospital (Gynaecological and Children). Salaries at the rate of £50 per annum.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL, W.1.—(1) Physician. (2) Assistant Physician.

MILDMAY MISSION HOSPITAL.—Honorary Dental Surgeon to Out-patients.

NATIONAL DENTAL HOSPITAL, Great Portland Street, W.1.—Honorary Anaesthetist.

OTAGO HOSPITAL BOARD, Dunedin, New Zealand.—Medical Superintendent to Dunedin Hospital. Salary £1,000 per annum, *plus* £100 for house allowance.

PADDINGTON GREEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, W.2.—(1) House-Physician. (2) House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum each.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.2.—Physician-in-charge of the Skin Department.

READING: ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL.—Third House-Surgeon. Salary £150 per annum.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1.—Senior Resident Medical Officer. Salary £150 per annum.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL AND LONDON (R.F.H.) SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FOR WOMEN.—Resident Assistant Pathologist. Salary £150.

ROYAL NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, 234, Great Portland Street, W.1.—Surgical Registrars. Honorarium £100 per annum.

SALFORD CITY.—Bacteriologist. Salary £600 per annum.

STOCKTON AND THORNABY HOSPITAL, Stockton-on-Tees.—Third Resident Medical Officer. Salary £150 per annum.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Tite Street, S.W.3.—Casualty Officer and Registrar. Salary £150 per annum.

WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NERVOUS DISEASES.—Honorary Registrar for Out-patient Department.

WILLESDEN GENERAL HOSPITAL, Harlesden Road, N.W.10.—(1) Resident House-Surgeon; salary £100 per annum. (2) Non-resident Casualty Officer; salary at the rate of £100 per annum, and £78 in respect of sleeping accommodation. Males.

WORKSOP: VICTORIA HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary £170 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The following vacant appointments are announced: Birmingham, West (Warwickshire), Newquay (Cornwall). Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

Section of Orthopaedics.—Tues., 5 p.m., Cases. 5.30 p.m., Presidential Address by Dr. W. T. Gordon Pugh: Orthopaedics at a Country Children's Hospital (illustrated).

Clinical Section.—Fri., 5 p.m., Cases.

Section of Ophthalmology.—Fri., 8 p.m., Cases. 8.30 p.m., Presidential Address by Mr. Ernest Clarke. Epidiascope Demonstration by Dr. Rayner Batten: Drawings of Macula Colobomata.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—*Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital*, Charing Cross: Special demonstration on Common Injuries of the Eye, Fri., 5 p.m. This demonstration is open to all members of the medical profession without fee. *Central London Throat, Nose, and Ear Hospital*, Gray's Inn Road: Intensive course in Clinical Laryngology, Rhinology, and Otology. Operative class also. *London School of Tropical Medicine*, Endsleigh Gardens, N.W.1: Tues., 2 p.m., Clinical demonstration; Thurs., 2 p.m., Clinical demonstration. Copies of syllabuses of these courses, and information on post-graduate work generally, may be obtained from the Secretary of the Fellowship of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.

POST-GRADUATE HOSTEL, Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, W.C.1.—Wed., 9 p.m., Discussion: Some Clinical Experiences. Thurs., 9 p.m., Discussion: Tonsillar Remains.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.—Thurs., 4 p.m., Rickets as it is seen to-day.

LONDON SCHOOL OF DERMATOLOGY, St. John's Hospital, Leicester Square, W.C.2.—Chesterfield Lectures. Tues., 5 p.m., Introductory. Thurs., 5 p.m, Anatomy of the Skin.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL, Queen Square, W.C.1.—Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., 2 p.m., Out-patient Clinics. Mon., 12 noon, Pathology of the Nervous System; 3.30 p.m., Disseminated Sclerosis. Tues., 12 noon, Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System; 3.30 p.m., The Psychoneuroses. Thurs., 3.30 p.m., Hemiplegia. Fri., 3.30 p.m., Pathogenesis and Treatment of Cerebral Vascular Disease. Operations: Tues. and Fri., 9 a.m.

GLASGOW POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—At Royal Infirmary: Mon., Wed., and Fri., 9.15 a.m., Anaesthetics. At Western Infirmary, Tues. and Fri., 4 p.m., Thurs., 9 a.m., Diseases of the Nose and Throat; Tues. and Thurs., 5.30 p.m., Wed. and Fri., 11 a.m., Venereal Diseases. At Royal Hospital for Sick Children: Daily, 9.15 to 11 a.m., Diseases of Children. At Glasgow Royal Maternity and Women's Hospital: Daily, 3.30 to 5 p.m (Sat., 10 to 11.30 a.m.), Clinical Obstetrics. At Royal Samaritan Hospital for Women: Mon., Wed., and Fri., 9.15 to 11 a.m., Clinical Gynaecology. At Ear, Nose, and Throat Hospital: Tues. and Thurs., 7.15 p.m., Demonstrations on Diseases of the Ear, Nose, and Throat.

JAMES MACKENZIE INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH, St. Andrews.—Tues., 4 p.m., Introductory Address by the Honorary Director: The Muscle of the Heart, the Intestinal Tract, the Iris, and the Ciliary Body—an Analogy and a Contrast.

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL.—Thurs., 4.15 p.m., Fractures, upper limb. Tea, 5.45.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Tues., 4.15 p.m., Early Diagnosis of Cancer of the Stomach. Fri., 4.15 p.m., Modern Views as to the Cause of Cancer.

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Diary of the Association.

OCTOBER.

2 Sat. Yorkshire Branch: Annual Meeting, Station Hotel, York. Dr. Peter Macdonald on Instinct and Functioning in Health and Disease, 2 p.m.

5 Tues. Hastings Division: Eversfield Hotel. Dr. T. D. Overend and Mr. Ligat on the Importance of Pyelography in Differential Diagnosis of Renal Disease, 8.15 p.m.
South-West Essex Division: Woodford Jubilee Hospital, Woodford Green. Dr. F. W. Price on Recent Advances in the Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Treatment of Heart Disease, 3.30 p.m.
West Bromwich Division: District Hospital, West Bromwich. Dr. Clyde McKenzie (Smethwick) on Ultra-Violet Rays, 3 p.m.

6 Wed. London: Puerperal Morbidity and Mortality Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Chelsea Division: Fulham Town Hall. Dr. Maurice Davidson on Pneumothorax in Diseases of the Chest, 4.30 p.m.
Reigate Division: Annual Dinner, White Hart Hotel, Reigate. Mr. Percy Sargent on the Management of Patients with Brain Tumours, 7 p.m.

7 Thurs. Dorset and West Hants Branch: County Hospital, Dorchester, 8 p.m.
Dumfries and Galloway Division: County Buildings, Dumfries. Address by Dr. J. R. Drever, Scottish Medical Secretary, on A Hospital Policy for Scotland, 3 p.m. Tea will be provided.
Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division: Bull Restaurant, Westgate, Wakefield. B.M.A. Lecture by Dr. R. M. Brontë entitled "Some Notes on Forensic Pathology."

8 Fri. London: Dominions Executive Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m.

12 Tues. Bournemouth Division: St. Peter's Hall, Bournemouth, 4.15 p.m.
St. Pancras Division: B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square. Sir Thomas Horder, Bt., on the Aims and Methods of Health Education, 9 p.m.

13 Wed. London: **Council**, 10 a.m.

14 Thurs. Portsmouth Division: Queen's Hotel, Southsea. Sir Bernard Spilsbury will give an address, 9.30 p.m. Supper, 9.
Swansea Division: Annual Dinner, Hotel Metropole, Swansea.

19 Tues. Lewisham Division: Town Hall, Catford, S.E.6. Dr. Lewis Yealland on Epilepsy and Hysterical Fits, 8.45 p.m.
South-West Essex Division: Walthamstow Hospital. Mr. Whitchurch Howell on Sciatica So-called, 3.30 p.m.

21 Thurs. London: Conference of Representatives of Local Medical and Panel Committees, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, 10 a.m.
South-Western Branch, Exeter. B.M.A. Lecture by Mr. C. A. R. Nitch on Urogenital Tuberculosis.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcement of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 9s., which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Tuesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS.

MCKENDRICK.—On September 16th, at Sanquhar, Blackwood, Mon., to Dorothy (*née* Evans), wife of William McKendrick, M.B., Ch.B.Glas., a son.

RODD.—On September 25th, at 17, Avenue Road, N.W.8, to Mary, wife of Captain Arthur Rodd, Royal Army Medical Corps, a daughter.

DEATH.

NICOLL.—On September 25th, suddenly, at Braemar, Aberdeenshire, Patrick John Smith Nicoll, M.D., J.P., of 2, Romford Road, Stratford, E.15.

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North Wales Branch.—The joint meeting of the North Wales Branch with the National Veterinary Medical Association will be held at the Queen Hotel, Chester, on Tuesday, October 26th, at 2 p.m. Discussion: Diseases of animals communicable to man, to be opened by Dr. Share-Jones.

Oxford and Reading Branch: Oxford Division.—A meeting of the Oxford Division will be held on October 27th, when Dr. Douglas McAlpine will read a paper on disseminated sclerosis, with special reference to etiology and treatment (preliminary notice).

Oxford and Reading Branch: Windsor Division.—A general meeting of the Windsor Division will be held in the Board Room, King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, on Friday, October 15th, at 4 p.m. An address will be given by Mr. N. Bishop Harman, F.R.C.S., on the modern hospital conception. The Division will be glad to welcome at the meeting any medical practitioner, whether a member or not. Tea at 3.45.

Southern Branch: Portsmouth Division.—The opening meeting of the winter session of the Portsmouth Division will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Southsea, on Thursday, October 14th, at 9.30 p.m. The meeting will be preceded by supper at 9 sharp. Following the ordinary business an address will be given by Sir Bernard Spilsbury. As a large attendance is expected, members who intend to be present are asked to notify the honorary secretary, Dr. H. H. Warren, Devonia, Goldsmith Avenue, Southsea, on or before Monday, October 11th, so that necessary arrangements may be made.

South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch: Swansea Division.—The annual dinner of the Swansea Division will be held at the Hotel Metropole, Swansea, on Thursday, October 14th.

Surrey Branch: Croydon Division.—An ordinary meeting of the Croydon Division will be held at the Croydon General Hospital on Tuesday, October 12th, at 8.30 p.m., when Mr. E. M. Cowell, D.S.O, F.R.C.S., will take the chair. After the ordinary business Lieut.-General Sir John Goodwin, K.C.B., will give an address entitled "Cancer: recent research results."

Surrey Branch: Reigate Division.—A clinical meeting of the Reigate Division will be held at the East Surrey Hospital, Red Hill Common, on Wednesday, November 10th, at 4.30 p.m.

Yorkshire Branch: Harrogate Division.—A meeting of the Harrogate Division will be held on Saturday, October 23rd, when Professor F. Craven Moore, F.R.C.P., will give a British Medical Association Lecture on flatulent dyspepsia.

Yorkshire Branch: Sheffield Division.—A general meeting of the Sheffield Division will be held at the Church House, St. James Street, Sheffield, on Friday, October 29th, at 8.30 p.m. Agenda: Report of representatives—Dr. Mackinnon, Mr. Brockman, and Dr. Helm. At a meeting of the Division to be held at the University, Sheffield, on Friday, December 10th, at 8.30 p.m., a British Medical Association Lecture will be delivered by Sir James Purves-Stewart, K.C.M.G., on hydrocephalus. The lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides and also by a cinema film.

Yorkshire Branch: Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division.—A meeting of the Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division will be held at the Bull Restaurant, Westgate, Wakefield, on Thursday, November 18th. Dr. A. E. Pearson (medical officer to the Leeds Fever Hospitals) will read a paper on diagnosis of infectious diseases. Supper at 7.45 p.m. (price 2s. 6d.).

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

Metropolitan Counties Branch: South-West Essex Division.

A meeting of the South-West Essex Division was held in Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, on September 21st.

The British Medical Association's new Rules of Organization were considered in detail and adopted. The recommendation of the Executive Committee that a local charities secretary should be appointed was carried unanimously, and Dr. Badenoch was elected. Dr. Bennett, tuberculosis officer for Leyton, was unanimously elected to the Executive Committee in place of Dr. Tucker, resigned.

Dr. J. C. Muir conducted the members through the new heliotherapy department of the hospital, and afterwards demonstrated a series of interesting cases in the wards. The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Muir, who had kindly provided tea.

Wiltshire Branch: Trowbridge Division.

A social meeting of the Trowbridge Division was held on September 22nd at Glastonbury Abbey, at which twenty-six members and friends were present. The party was kindly conducted round by the Vicar of Glastonbury, whose interesting account of the ruins was much appreciated. Tea was provided at the George Hotel.

Worcestershire and Herefordshire Branch.

A clinical meeting of the Worcestershire and Herefordshire Branch was held at the Worcester Infirmary on September 15th. The President, Mr. Ainslie, was in the chair. Dr. Naish (Upton-on-Severn) was elected President-Elect (1927-28). Mr. Duggan (Worcester) read a short paper on the treatment of spinal tuberculosis by bone grafts. Dr. Power (Hereford) read a paper on the three-piece plaster treatment of fracture dislocation of the ankle. Mr. Ainslie and Dr. Purdy (Hereford) read notes and showed pathological specimens of several interesting cases. After the meeting Dr. Neville Crowe showed the members over the new x-ray installation which has just been entirely refitted at the infirmary.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Surgeon Commanders F. C. Robinson to the *Malcolm*; R. J. Inman to the *Titania* on recommissioning.

Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders J. F. Pace to the *Tamar* additional, and for R.N. Hospital, Hong-Kong; A. W. North to the *Ambrose* on recommissioning.

Surgeon Lieutenants A. A. Pomfret to the *Victory*, additional for R.N. Hospital, Haslar, temporary supernumerary; R. L. G. Procter to the *Foxglove* on recommissioning; V. F. Walsh to the *Hollyhock* on recommissioning; R. B. McVicker to the *Magnolia* on recommissioning; W. J. Rankine to the *Bluebell* on recommissioning; E. H. Rampling, D. A. Newbery, J. J. Cusack, and R. Schofield to the *Keppel* additional, and for duty in third flotilla.

T. A. Cochrane to be Surgeon Lieutenant.

Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Surgeon Lieutenant H. E. Hall to the *Victory* for R.N. Hospital, Haslar, for fourteen days' training.

Probationary Surgeon Lieutenant R. S. Allison to the *Princess Margaret* for twenty-eight days' training.

Probationary Surgeon Lieutenants E. E. Henderson, H. M. Petty, and F. M. B. Allen to be Surgeon Lieutenants.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Major A. H. Heslop, D.S.O., O.B.E., retires on retired pay on account of ill health.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE.

Group Captain C. E. C. Stanford, D.S.O., to Headquarters, Irak, pending disposal.

Flying Officers C. W. Coffey to Station Headquarters, Bircham Newton; G. J. Griffiths, T. W. Wilson, D. B. Smith, J. McM. Wilder, F. B. C. L. B. Crawford, R. J. K. Chattey, B. L. Edwards, and E. A. Aslett to Headquarters, Irak; J. Magner and E. J. Mockler to Headquarters, India.

The following Flying Officers are granted permanent commissions in this rank: B. W. Cross and J. MacC. Kilpatrick.

COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

Dr. F. V. Small appointed District Medical Officer and Medical Officer of Health, Entebbe, Uganda. Dr. J. H. Bowyer, Medical Officer, seconded for service under Government of Kelantan. Drs. G. W. Mearns and W. D. Pollard appointed Assistant Government Medical Officers, British Guiana. Dr. J. A. Waterman appointed Government Medical Officer, Trinidad.

VACANCIES.

Barbados General Hospital.—Senior Resident Surgeon. Salary £300 per annum, with temporary war bonus.

Bethlem Hospital, Lambeth Road, S.E.—House-Physician (male, unmarried). Honorarium £25 per quarter, *plus* £15 per quarter in lieu of apartments.

Birmingham: Queen's Hospital.—Assistant Obstetric Officer. Honorarium £50 per annum.

Bloomsbury Dispensary.—Surgeon. Honorarium 100 guineas per annum.

Bristol Royal Infirmary.—(1) Honorary Gynaecological Registrar. (2) Honorary Ophthalmic Registrar. (3) Assistant Anaesthetist; salary for (3) £100 per annum.

Cambridge: Addenbrooke's Hospital.—House-Physician (male). Salary at the rate of £130 per annum.

Canada: Regina General Hospital, Regina, Saskatchewan.—Pathologist.

Cardiff: Royal Infirmary.—Honorary Assistant Surgeon.

Croydon County Borough.—Assistant Medical Officer for Maternity and Child Welfare and School Medical Service. Salary £600 per annum.

Derbyshire Royal Infirmary.—(1) House-Surgeon (Gynaecological and General Surgery). (2) House-Surgeon (General Surgery). (3) Assistant House-Surgeon and Casualty Officer. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, E.—(1) Resident Medical Officer. (2) House-Physician. (3) Casualty Officer. Males. Salary for (1) £200 and for (2) and (3) £125 per annum.

Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary and Eye Institution, Gloucester.—Senior House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £175 per annum.

Guildford: Royal Surrey County Hospital.—House-Surgeon. Salary £150 per annum.

Hampstead General and North-West London Hospital, Haverstock Hill, N.W.—(1) Casualty Officer. (2) House-Physician. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum each.

Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Brompton, S.W.3.—(1) Pathologist and Superintendent of the Laboratories; salary £750 per annum. (2) House-Physicians; honorarium 50 guineas for six months.

Ilford Emergency Hospital.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

Leeds Union.—Medical Superintendent of St. James's Hospital.—Salary £1,000 per annum and £200 in lieu of residence.

Leicester City.—Assistant Tuberculosis Officer. Salary £600 per annum.

Manchester: St. Mary's Hospital.—Two House-Surgeons each to the Whitworth Street West Hospital (Maternity) and at the Whitworth Park Hospital (Gynaecological and Children). Salaries at the rate of £50 per annum.

Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E.8.—(1) Senior House-Physician. (2) Senior House-Surgeon. (3) Junior House-Physician. (4) Junior House-Surgeon. (5) Two Casualty Officers. Males. Salary £100 per annum each.

Middlesex Hospital, W.1.—(1) Physician. (2) Assistant Physician.

New Zealand: Wanganui Hospital.—Radiologist. Salary £750 a year and 30 per cent. of net profits of the department.

Otago Hospital Board, Dunedin, New Zealand.—(1) Medical Superintendent to Dunedin Hospital; salary £1,000 per annum, *plus* £100 for house allowance. (2) Medical Tutor and Resident Medical Officer. (3) Resident Surgical Officer (senior). Salary for (2) and (3) £400 per annum.

Portsmouth: Royal Portsmouth Hospital.—(1) Third House-Surgeon. (2) Casualty Officer. Males. Salary £150 and £100 per annum respectively.

Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, E.2.—Casualty Officer. Salary £100 per annum.

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CURRENT NOTES.

The Association's Annual Handbook.

The *Annual Handbook of the British Medical Association* for 1926-27 is now ready. Though primarily intended as a book of reference for honorary secretaries and other workers of the Association, the *Handbook* is also of interest and assistance to all members. The new edition has been completely revised. It contains the decisions of the Representative Body of the Association on questions of policy; information as to the constitution of the Association; particulars of the new London and Scottish Houses of the Association; information as to the British Medical Journal (the circulation of which is now 35,600 copies weekly) and other publications of the Association; and lists of the Council, Central Committees, officers, and officials of the Association. The *Handbook* also contains a great deal of general information as to the work of the Association. Copies of the *Handbook* can be had by members, *gratis* and post free, on application to the Medical Secretary, British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1. To non-members the book is on sale at 3s. 6d. (post free 3s. 9½d.).

Medical Defence.

In connexion with the correspondence which has recently appeared in the columns of the British Medical Journal relative to medical defence, the Medico-Political Committee of the British Medical Association has appointed a sub-committee to confer with representatives of the medical defence societies on the matters dealt with in the correspondence and with other matters connected with individual medical defence.

The Katherine Bishop Harman Prize.

In April, 1926, Mrs. Katherine Bishop Harman, M.B., B.S.Lond., presented to the British Medical Association the sum of £1,000 for the establishment of a prize to be awarded by the Council for the encouragement of research into the disorders incident to maternity. The following regulations governing the award of the prize have now been approved by the Council of the Association:

1. The prize shall be named "The Katherine Bishop Harman Prize," and shall, as a rule, be awarded every second year. Its money value shall be the net annual income of the capital fund as this has accumulated during a period of two years. The first award shall be made in 1928, and essays must be forwarded to the Medical Secretary not later than December 31st, 1927.
2. The purpose of the prize is the encouragement of study and research directed to the diminution and avoidance of the risks to health and life that are apt to arise in pregnancy and childbearing.
3. As a general rule the prize will be awarded for the essay which, in an open competition, is judged by the Council to be most helpful to the end for which the prize is established, and the Council may at its discretion either prescribe a special or limited subject for the competition or may leave to the competitors an individual selection of the work they wish to present, provided that this falls within the purpose of the prize. On occasion the Council may award the prize, not by the method of competition just described, but in recognition of valuable work recently published or in aid of a research scheme which appears to promise practical results. In every instance the award made by the Council shall be final.
4. Any medical practitioner registered in the British Empire is eligible to compete for the prize.
5. Should the Council on any of the selected dates decide that no justification for the award of the prize exists, the prize shall be offered again in the year next following this decision, and in this event the money value of the prize on the occasion in question shall be such proportion of the accumulated income as the Council shall determine.
6. Each essay must be typewritten or printed in the English language, must be distinguished by a motto, and must be accompanied by a sealed envelope marked with the same motto and enclosing the candidate's name and address.
7. Inquiries relative to the prize should be addressed to the Medical Secretary, British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

The Council has decided that no specific subject shall be prescribed for the Katherine Bishop Harman Prize Competition, 1928, but that competitors be left free to select the work they wish to present, provided that this falls within the regulations governing the prize.

Association Notices.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

Metropolitan Counties Branch: St. Pancras Division.—The first meeting of the session 1926-27 will be held at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12th, at the British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, W.C., when Sir Thomas Horder, Bt., will open a discussion with an address on the Aims and Methods of Health Education, and Sir Humphry Rolleston, Bt., will preside. All medical men and women are invited to attend. Admission on presentation of visiting card. The following programme of meetings has been arranged for the St. Pancras Division for the session 1926-27:

Nov. 9th. Professor G. E. Gask, C.M.G., D.S.O.: Gastric Ulcers.
Dec. 14th. Dr. C. H. Andrewes: Recent Work on Filter-passing Viruses.
Jan. 11th. Dr. Hector C. Cameron: Nursery Psycho-therapeutics.
Feb. 8th. Dr. Webb-Johnson: Obesity—Its Causes and Modern Treatment.
Mar. 8th. Mr. A. G. Timbrell Fisher, *M.C.*: Manipulative Surgery.
April 12th. Dr. Geoffrey Evans: The Treatment of High Blood Pressure.
May 10th. Annual general meeting.
June 14th. Mr. J. Paterson, C.B.E.: Internal Haemorrhage.
July 12th. Dr. G. C. Anderson.

The meetings will be held at 9 p.m. at the British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1.

Birmingham Branch: Coventry Division.—The following programme for the session 1926-27 has been arranged by the Coventry Division:

Oct. 12th. Annual dinner.
Nov. 2nd. Fibrositis by the Chairman, Dr. Duncan Davidson.
Dec. 7th. Endocrine Therapy, by Dr. P. C. Cloake.
Feb. 1st. Surgical Matters of Interest to General Practitioners, by Mr. Baron T. Rose.
Mar. 1st. Diagnosis and Treatment of Early Mental Cases, by Dr. A. T. W. Forrester.
April 5th. Clinical evening.
May 3rd. Annual meeting.

Cape of Good Hope (Western) Branch.—A meeting of the Cape of Good Hope (Western) Branch will be held on Friday, October 29th, at 8 p.m. Papers—Dr. A. Simpson Wells: Miscarriage; Professor E. C. Crichton: Lingering Labour.

Dorset and West Hants Branch: Bournemouth Division.—A meeting of the Bournemouth Division will be held in St. Peter's Hall, Bournemouth, on Tuesday, October 12th, at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4. Agenda: Report of Executive Committee as to the scale of minimum commencing salaries for public health medical officers, and recommendation that the Division adopt a resolution under its Ethical Rules; report of representatives to Annual Representative Meeting at Nottingham, 1926.

Lancashire and Cheshire Branch: Southport Division.—A meeting of the Southport Division will be held at 52, Hoghton Street, to-day (Friday, October 8th), at 8.15 p.m. As this is the first meeting of the winter session all members are asked to make a special effort to be present to share in making the Division as active and useful as it should be. Agenda: Medical Charities Fund; report of the Nottingham Meeting; social function.

Metropolitan Counties Branch: City Division.—Mr. McCullach, gynaecologist to the Metropolitan and Samaritan Hospitals, will give a clinical afternoon at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E.8, to-day (Friday, October 8th), at 4.15. Tea at 4.

Metropolitan Counties Branch: Finchley Division.—The following programme has been arranged for the session 1926-27:

Oct. 14th. Annual dinner at the King Edward Hall.
Nov. 2nd. Address by Dr. Geoffrey Evans: Treatment of Patients with High Blood Pressure.
Jan. 11th. Address by Dr George Riddoch: Early Diagnosis of Disseminated Sclerosis.
Mar. 1st. British Medical Association Lecture.
April 5th. Address by Dr. J. A. Hadfield: Child Psychology and the Psychoneuroses.
June. Annual meeting. (Date and place to be fixed later.)

The ordinary meetings of the Division are held at the Finchley Memorial Hospital at 8.45 p.m.

Metropolitan Counties Branch: Lewisham Division.—A meeting of the Lewisham Division will be held at the Town Hall, Catford, S.E.6, on Tuesday, October 19th, at 8.45 p.m., when Lieutenant Commander Charles Thomson will occupy the chair. Dr. Lewis Yealland will give an address on epilepsy and hysterical fits.

Metropolitan Counties Branch: South-West Essex Division.—A meeting of the South-West Essex Division will be held at the Walthamstow Hospital on Tuesday, October 19th, at 3.30 p.m. Mr. Whitchurch Howell will read a paper on sciatica so called.

Metropolitan Counties Branch: West Middlesex Division.—The Division is invited to pay a visit to the Hanwell Mental Hospital, Southall, to inspect cases of interest on Thursday, October 14th, at 8.30 p.m.

Midland Branch: Kesteven Division.—A meeting of the Division will be held at Mrs. Barton's Restaurant, Stamford, on Thursday, October 14th, at 2 p.m., when an address will be given by Mr. A. Lawrence Abel, F.R.C.S., surgeon to the Kensington General and London Lock Hospitals, entitled "Some points in the early diagnosis and treatment of acute abdominal disease." The Chairman has kindly offered to entertain members to luncheon at the same restaurant at 1 p.m. Those intending to be present at the luncheon are asked to notify Dr. Hutton-Attenborough at least three days previously.

North of England Branch: Sunderland Division.—A scientific meeting in the form of a clinical evening will be held at the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland, on Wednesday, November 3rd, at 7.30 p.m. All members are invited to be present.